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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

To Whom It May Concern:

It is **OUTRAGOUS** that you still force **MOLTING OF HENS**. Do you realize how inhumane this is? It is very hurtful and painful. How could you do this? I am sure you would not want this to be done on you. I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy. You have to start doing the following:

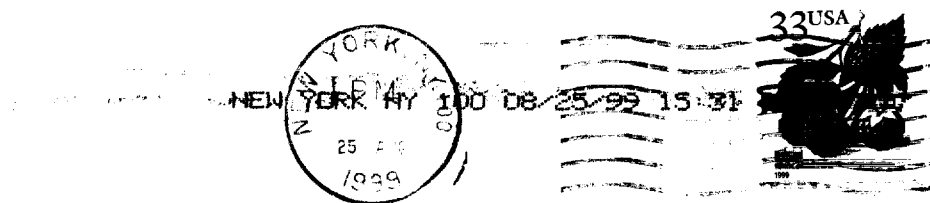
- a) putting Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.
- b) FDA should prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems.
- c) FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health
- d) FDA must ban food molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs.  
**THE CRUELTY & CONTAMINATION ARE LINKED!**

Finally, FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Sincerely a very concerned citizen.

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